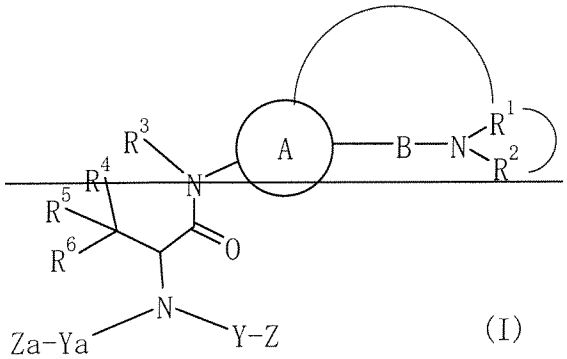
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of the formula:



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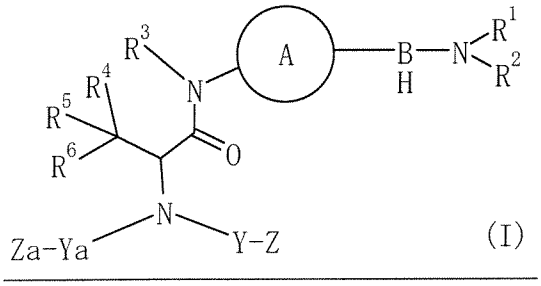

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wherein

ring A represents a benzene ~~an aromatic~~ ring optionally having substituents;

B represents a C_{1-6} alkylene optionally having substituents; [[,]] Y and Ya are the same or different and each represents a bond or a spacer having a main chain of 1 to 6 atoms;

R^1 and R^2 are the same or different and each represents a hydrogen atom, a hydrocarbon group optionally having substituents or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituents~~, or R^1 and R^2, together with the adjacent nitrogen atom, form a nitrogen-containing heterocyclic ring optionally having substituents, or R^1 is linked with~~

~~ring A together with the adjacent nitrogen atom and B to form a 5- to 7-membered nitrogen-containing heterocyclic ring~~;

R^3 represents a hydrogen atom, a hydrocarbon group optionally having substituents or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituents;

R^4 and R^5 are the same or different and each represents a hydrogen atom or a hydrocarbon group optionally having substituents, or R^4 and R^5, together with the adjacent carbon atom, form a ring optionally having substituents;

R^6 represents an indolyl group optionally having substituents; ~~and~~

Z represents piperidinyl optionally having substituents or piperazinyl optionally having substituents; and

Za ~~are the same or different and each~~ represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom or a cyclic group optionally having substituents; or a salt thereof.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, wherein R^3 is a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-6} alkyl optionally having substituents.

4. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, wherein one of R^4 and R^5 is a hydrogen atom, and the other is a C_{1-6} alkyl optionally having substituents.

5-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim 1 [[5]], wherein Z is piperidinyl or piperazinyl, each of which is substituted by a group of the formula: -Yd-Ara wherein Yd represents a bond or a spacer having a main chain of 1 to 6 atoms, and Ara represents a monocyclic group optionally having substituents.

8. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, wherein Ya is a bond, and Za is a hydrogen atom.

9. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, wherein B is a C_{1-6} alkylene.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, wherein R^1 and R^2 are C_{1-6} alkyl.

12. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, wherein Y is -CO-.

13. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, which is

N-((1R,2S)-1-(((5-((dimethylamino)methyl)-2-((methylamino)carbonyl)phenyl)amino)carbonyl)-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)propyl)-4-(2-methylphenyl)-1-piperidinecarboxamide;

N-((1R,2S)-1-(((2-((dimethylamino)carbonyl)-5-((dimethylamino)methyl)phenyl)amino)carbonyl)-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)propyl)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-piperidinecarboxamide;

N-((1R,2S)-1-(((5-((dimethylamino)methyl)-2-methoxyphenyl)amino)carbonyl)-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)propyl)-4-(4-fluoro-2-methylphenyl)-3-oxo-1-piperazinecarboxamide;

N-((1R,2S)-1-(((5-((dimethylamino)methyl)-2-methoxyphenyl)amino)carbonyl)-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)propyl)-4-(2-methylphenyl)-1-piperazinecarboxamide;

N-((1R,2S)-1-(((5-((dimethylamino)methyl)-2-ethoxyphenyl)amino)carbonyl)-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)propyl)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-piperazinecarboxamide; or

N-((1R,2S)-1-(((5-((dimethylamino)methyl)-2-ethoxyphenyl)amino)carbonyl)-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)propyl)-4-phenyl-1-piperidinecarboxamide.

14. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical preparation comprising the compound according to claim 1[[,]] or a salt thereof ~~or a prodrug thereof~~.

15. (Original) The pharmaceutical preparation according to claim 14, which is a somatostatin receptor binding inhibitor.

16. (Original) The pharmaceutical preparation according to claim 15, which is a somatostatin subtype 2 receptor binding inhibitor.

17. (Original) The pharmaceutical preparation according to claim 14, which is a somatostatin receptor agonist.

18. (Original) The pharmaceutical preparation according to claim 17, which is a somatostatin subtype 2 receptor agonist.

19. (Original) The pharmaceutical preparation according to claim 14, which is a prophylactic or therapeutic agent for diabetes or diabetic complications.

20. (Original) The pharmaceutical preparation according to claim 14, which is a prophylactic or therapeutic agent for obesity.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) A method for inhibiting somatostatin receptor binding in a mammal, which comprises administering to the mammal an effective amount of the compound according to claim 1[[,]] or a salt thereof ~~or a prodrug thereof~~.

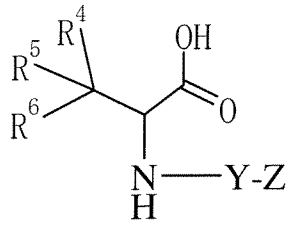
23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) A method for preventing or treating diabetes or diabetic complications in a mammal, which comprises administering to the mammal an effective amount of the compound according to claim 1[[,]] or a salt thereof ~~or a prodrug thereof~~.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) A method for preventing or treating obesity in a mammal, which comprises administering to the mammal an effective amount of the compound according to claim 1[[,]] or a salt thereof ~~or a prodrug thereof~~.

27. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a compound of claim 1 or a salt thereof, which comprises reacting a compound of the formula:



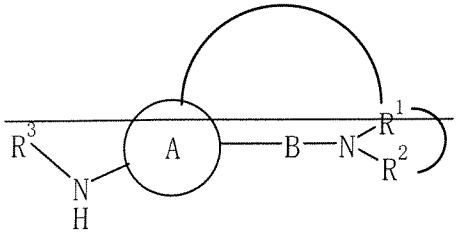
wherein

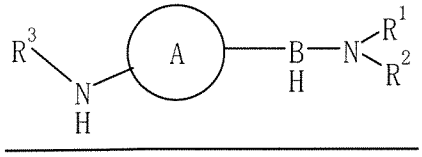
Y represents a bond or a spacer having a main chain of 1 to 6 atoms;

R^4 and R^5 are the same or different, and each represents a hydrogen atom or a hydrocarbon group optionally having substituents, or R^4 and R^5, together with the adjacent carbon atom, form a ring optionally having substituents;

R^6 represents an indolyl group optionally having substituents;

Z represents piperidinyl optionally having substituents or piperazinyl optionally having substituents ~~a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom or a cyclic group optionally having substituents;~~ or a salt thereof, with a compound of the formula:





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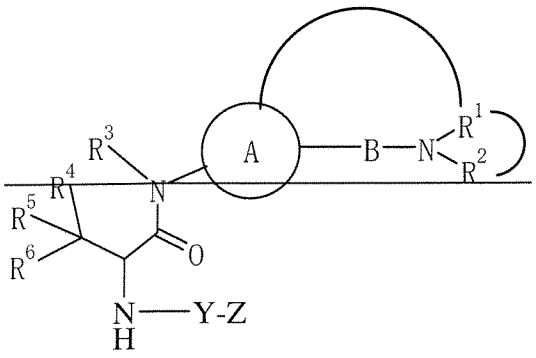
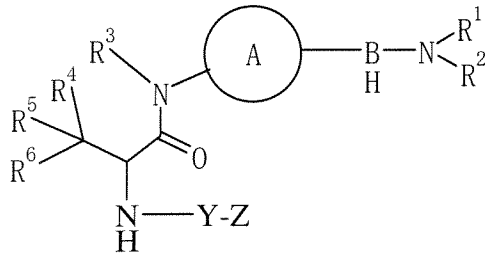
R^1 and R^2 are the same or different, and each represents a hydrogen atom, a hydrocarbon group optionally having substituents or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituents~~, or R^1 and R^2, together with the adjacent nitrogen atom, form a nitrogen-containing heterocyclic ring optionally having substituents, or R^1 is linked with ring A together with the adjacent nitrogen atom and B to form a 5- to 7-membered nitrogen-containing heterocyclic ring~~;

R^3 represents a hydrogen atom, a hydrocarbon group optionally having substituents or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituents; or a salt thereof to give a compound of the formula:





wherein

each symbol is as defined above; or a salt thereof, and optionally reacting the compound or a salt thereof with a compound of the formula: L^4-Ya-Za wherein L^4 represents a leaving group; Ya represents a bond or a spacer having a main chain of 1 to 6 atoms; Za represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom or a cyclic group optionally having substituents; or a salt thereof.

28. (Canceled)